

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The present application cites the basic applications of Japanese Patent Application NO. 2000-54181 (filed on February 29, 2000), Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-40501 (filed on February 16, 2001) claiming priority of the application No. 2000-54181, and Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-91904 (filed on March 29, 2000), and enjoys the benefits of the applications. This application is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No. 09/794,864, filed February 27, 2001.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- When the ~~holding~~ sensing device 30 is held and the electrostatic capacitance is large, the potential at the sensing device 30 is lower than the potential at the capacitor C1. The output of the comparator is therefore driven high. The capacitance of the capacitor C1 or the resistances of the resistors R1 and R2 are determined to meet the above conditions.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- To be more specific, the scissors-like handpiece 3A' is different from the scissors-like handpiece 3A described in relation to the first embodiment in a point that the LED 41A is disposed near the treatment member 16A projecting from the tip of the sheath ~~14a~~ 14A. Moreover, a hook-like handpiece 3B' shown in Fig. 9 has an LED 41B disposed near the treatment member 16B thereof.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 34, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The ultrasound input connector 103 is connected to a port a switching relay 120, a port b switching relay 121, and an extension unit relay 122. The high-frequency input connector 104 is connected to the port a switching relay 120, port b switching relay 121, and extension unit relay 122. The port a switching relay 120 is connected to the port a ultrasound output connector 94a and port a high-frequency output connector 95a.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 35, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The port b switching relay 121 is connected to the port b ultrasound output connector 94b and port b high-frequency output connector 95b. The extension unit relay 122 is connected to the ultrasonic joint plug 111 and high-frequency joint plug 112. A control circuit 105 is incorporated in the main output switching unit 91, and connected on a control bus 106.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 42, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Moreover, a character generation circuit 155 is included in the ~~CPU 154~~ CCU 135, generates characters according to a control signal sent from the CPU 154, and communicates them to the character superimposition circuit 151.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 42, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The CPU 154 is connected to a CPU 26A included in the control circuit 26 through a connector 157 formed on the main apparatus 2 2B over the communication cable 137 that has one end thereof spliced to a connector 156. The CPU 154 transfers information to or from the CPU 26A.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 52, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- To be more specific, an ultrasonic connector attached to a cable extending from the scissors-like handpiece 167A is joined with the ~~ultrasound output connector~~ ultrasonic port 181a on the output switching unit 174. An active-cord mechanism contained in the cable is spliced to the high-frequency ~~output connected~~ port 182a.--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 52, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- An ultrasonic connector attached to a cable extending from the rod-like handpiece 167B is joined with the ~~ultrasound output connector~~ ultrasonic port 181b formed on the output switching unit 174. An active-cord mechanism contained in the cable is spliced to the high-frequency ~~output connector~~ port 182b. An ultrasonic connector attached to a cable extending from the hook-like handpiece 167C is joined with the ~~ultrasound output connector~~ ultrasonic port 181c formed on the output switching unit 174. An active-cord mechanism contained in the cable is spliced to the high-frequency ~~output connector~~ port 182c.--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 62, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The expansion unit 253 has connectors 271, 272, and 273, selection switches 274, 275, and 276, and a remote switch connector 278. The connectors 271, 272, and 273 have the same ability as the hand switch connector ~~263~~ 264 formed on the main apparatus 252. The connectors 255a attached to the cables extending from the external hand switches 255 are joined with the connectors 271, 272, and 273 so that they can be disjoined freely. The selection switches 274, 275, and 276 are used to manually select one of the output ports 254a, 254b, and 254c. The remote switch plug 257a attached to the cable extending from the remote switch 257 is joined with the remote switch connector 278 so that it can be disjoined freely.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 64, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- When the built-in hand switch 220, external hand switch 255, or remote switch 257 is pressed, any of the output ports 254a, 254b, and 254c is selected. When a signal induced with the press is applied to the control circuit 286 included in the expansion ~~connector~~ unit 253, the control circuit 286 controls the relay 285 to close the contact of the relay 285 connected to the selected output port. Moreover, the selected output port is communicated to the switch sense circuit 282 in the main apparatus 252.--